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## Protective League Adopts Resolu- tions

At the meeting of the Negro Protective League of Oklahoma, which convened in the council chamber of this city, after due deliberation the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, the revised constitution is not materially different from the unrevised constitution, and

"Whereas, the Negro Protective League met on the 22nd of last April and denounced the unrevised constitution as un-republican in form and urged the Colored people everywhere to vote against the same:

"Therefore we reaffirm our position as set fourth in said resolutions as adopted by us in said league on the 22nd of last April and we do now call upon our people and all fair minded men throughout the proposed state of Oklahoma to go to the polls on the 17th day of Sept. and vote against the adoption of the said constitution of the proposed state of Oklahoma.

"Whereas the prospective state is largely unorganized, we recommend that speakers be sent to all parts of the said prospective state, literature distributed in the remotest part of said prospective state, together with a copy of these resolutions.

(Signed) "S. T. Wiggins,

"L. A. Bell,

"S. D. Russell,

"Geo. Fitzpatrick,

"Archie Jones,

"J. H. A. Brazleton,

"A. D. Johnson."

Whereupon R. E. Stewart offered the following special resolution, to-wit:

"Resolved that the Negroes of Oklahoma and Indian Territory be urged to vote the Republican ticket in the present campaign."

The following resolution was offered by S. D. Russell:

"Resolved that the Negro Protective League, in Convention assembled, condemn the use of the name of this league by various local malcontents in putting out independent tickets against the Republican party."

Register at once or you lose your vote.

## Superintendent Briles

### Orders The Enroll- ment of All New School Children

Prof. Reynolds will take the names of the new pupils who will attend the Colored schools this year. He may be found at Dunbar high school from September the second until the ninth.

Parents should see to it that their children are enrolled as this is order of Superintendent Briles.

Act at once.

We have on our desk the "Square Deal," a paper published by George Robinson at Watonga. While we do not agree with George yet he is making a hard fight against Governor Ferguson and the party and there must be some return blows at once.

## DIED.

E. L. Smith departed this life Friday morning August 24, 1907. He was 55 years of age and has lived here about seven months, coming from Wharton county Texas. A widow, four children and two brothers, J. H. Smith and Thomas Smith, mourn his loss. There are also two brothers in Waco Texas who will be grieved by the sad intelligence.

E. L. Smith was one our best citizens; a good husband and a loving father. The relatives have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

The Republican party can not hope to win victories without square deal arrangements. We could expect nothing better from the Democrats but since we are furnishing a big percentage of the votes it would at least appear that we should receive decent treatment at the hands of the Republican party.

It is bad treatment that caused the nomination of a Negro for Congress in Oklahoma and also the bolt of the Negroes in Logan county.

Our party must deal out even

and exact justice to the black battallions if it expects to win. We say this knowing that there are some Negroes who are willing and who are even now bowing the knee like truckling sycophants in order that thrift may follow fawning but the rank and file of the party have no sympathy with these tools and will not do their bidding.

It is a lasting shame and disgrace that men of well known ability can be used as tools to prostitute the race and reduce it to political serfs slaves. We trust that the leaders in charge of the party will awaken to the conditions that threaten the very life of the party and cut out the jim crow annex at Oklahoma City and make an advisory board.

### Do Not Be Deceived.

To the colored voters of Blaine County and the Second Congressional District of Oklahoma:

Do not be deceived by a set of political montebanks and boodlers, whose sole interest in the negro race is personal preferment. Just look who it is that is heading this movement, whose names appear as the leaders. It is unnecessary to warn the colored voters of Blaine county against any move that is headed by such men as we find leading this movement, but outside of this county, where these men are not known, it might work irreparable wrong on the colored people all over the United States, were the methods (which these self styled leaders employ) successful in defeating the republican ticket, and for that reason we warn the colored people of the counties where these men are not known that when you receive a copy of the Square Deal, which you will or have already received, that you must find out for yourselves who are heading this move. Is there a Moses among them who can lead the colored people out of the political wilderness?

This move was hatched in the fertile brain of some of our democratic friends who knew what negroes they could depend upon for support if there was any money for them in it. It is a move brought by them to defeat the Hon. T. B. Ferguson for congress, well knowing that the independent republican ticket in Blaine county will cast only the votes of the men whose names appear on the ticket.

Colored men of the second congressional district can you not see that this move is originated by democrats for the purpose of defeating the man who has always stood for just treatment of the negro. Will you throw away your vote and defeat a friend?

There is no need to appeal to the colored voters of Blaine county not to support the county ticket. They know too well the character of the man who is the leading spirit.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Colored Protective League of Blaine County and the Colored Voters of Blaine county:

1st. That we denounce as untrue the report that is made by the paper known as "The Square Deal." G. F. Robinson, editor, where it says that the Colored Protective League of Blaine county met in mass convention Saturday, August 10th and passed resolutions denouncing the republicans for ignoring the colored voters

at Tulsa, the same being untrue, as the action of the Tulsa convention was endorsed by the League at their meeting August 10th. We denounce as utterly untrue the statement that will be found in "The Square Deal" that the ticket was nominated in mass convention of the Blaine county Colored Protective League a malicious, willfull lie for the purpose of misleading the colored voters outside of Blaine county into the belief that the colored voters of Blaine county have bolted the regular ticket and will support the independent ticket and will support the independent ticket that was made out by democrats and renegade negroes at some place best known to them, but not in convention where it was voted down.

2nd. Be it further resolved that the Colored Protective League of Blaine county and the Colored Voters of Blaine county wish by these resolutions to place themselves on record as unalterably opposed to the so-called Independent Republican Ticket that is being placed in the field by democratic money for the sole purpose of defeating the republican nominee for congress in the second district.

3rd. While we have been loyal to the republican party and have always cast our votes for the white nominee on the ticket, we have been just as loyal to our race and on every occasion have been just as loyal to our race and on every occasion have upheld the leaders of our race, but when those men whom we have supported in the past would betray the colored people of Blaine county and the Second Congressional district into the folly of voting for the ticket they have succeeded in getting out by the assistance of the democratic leaders and by so doing elect a democrat to congress. Our allegiance to them ceases, and we denounce, in the strongest terms that we are capable of, the actions of these men who, by our support, we have elevated to the position of leaders of our race, and wish to remind them that they only became leaders by the consent of their followers and their leadership ceases when their following stops.

And be it further resolved that we the Colored Protective League of Blaine county, do appeal to every colored voter in the Second Congressional District to come out early to the polls on the morning of September 17th and cast his vote for the Hon. T. B. Ferguson and thus rebuke the traitors in our race who would sell a whole race for a less price than Judas received for the betrayal of his Lord and Master.

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